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In response to the Restriction Requirement of the Office Action mailed
March 22, 2005, Applicants elect, with traverse, Species 1 described in Figs. 21-
22 and defined by Claims 20-25.

REMARKS

The traversal is based on applicants' understanding that there is no undue
burden imposed on the Examiner to examine the subject application as originally
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

In response to the Advisory Action mailed January 20, 2006, please enter the following Second Amendment After Final in response to the final office action mailed October 20, 2005, having a three month statutory period for response set to expire on January 20, 2006. A request for a one month extension of time is included herein, extending the period for response to February 20, 2006.

The presently pending claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.